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SUBJECT: ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE, TORREMOLINOS,

SEPTEMBER 14 - OCTOBER 26, 1973, SITREP 2.

FOR EB/TD FROM USDEL TORREMOLINOS.

1. SECOND PLENARY AGENDA CALLED INTER ALIA FOR SETTING  
OF DATES FOR NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF SYG AND DEPUTY  
AND MEMBERS OF NEW ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL. THIS LED  
TO EXTENDED DEBATE ON POLITICAL AND PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS  
WHICH LASTED ENTIRE DAY.

2. AMONG POLITICAL MATTERS DISCUSSED WERE:

A. UNIVERSAL MEMBERSHIP: USSR REGRETTED ABSENCE  
OF UNIVERSAL MEMBERSHIP AND SPECIFICALLY FACT THAT NORTH  
KOREA WAS NOT MEMBER OF ITU. ROK DEL GAVE LOW

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KEY RESPONSE NOTING THAT 1971 VOTE ON NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP HAD BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL. ADDED THAT IF NORTH KOREA REAPPLIES, ROK WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT OPPOSE. PRC DEL GAVE POLEMICAL SPEECH, TERMING LON NOL GOVERNMENT QUOTE SCUM UNQUOTE AND DEMANDING SEATING OF SIHANOUK REPS, PLUS MEMBERSHIP OF NORTH KOREA, NORTH VIETNAM AND PRG. (NO EVIDENCE THUS FAR THAT REPS OF ANY OF FOREGOING CURRENTLY IN TORREMOLINOS OR WILL ACTUALLY APPLY.)

B. PORTUGAL-SOUTH AFRICA. NIGERIAN REP PROPOSED THAT BOTH PORTUGAL AND SOUTH AFRICA BE EXPelled FROM MEMBERSHIP AND THAT PORTUGAL BE EXCLUDED FROM FURTHER PARTICIPATION IN CONFERENCE. MOST OTHER AFRICAN REPS SUPPORTED NIGERIA, BUT NO FORMAL RESOLUTION YET TO THIS EFFECT SUBMITTED.

3. OTHER MAJOR MATTERS DISCUSSED WERE:

A. DATES AND METHOD OF NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF SYG, DEPUTY AND ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL. ARGENTINA TOOK LEAD IN PROPOSING THAT ELECTIONS BE POSTPONED AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER CONFERENCE HAD MADE BASIC DECISIONS SUCH AS SIZE OF COUNCIL AND PROPOSAL FOR SECOND DEPUTY SYG, ALTHOUGH IT WAS REALIZED THIS MIGHT TAKE AT LEAST THREE WEEKS. ON OTHER HAND, MALAYSIA LED GROUP PROPOSING DECISION BE TAKEN SOONEST REGARDING THESE MATTERS IN COMMITTEE WITH REPORT BY SEPTEMBER 21 AND ELECTIONS BY SEPTEMBER 24; RATIONALE WAS THAT SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF VIP DELEGATION HEADS HAD TO DEPART EARLY AND ELECTIONS SHOULD BE HELD BEFORE THEY LEAVE. STILL OTHER MEMBERS WISHED TO DELAY ELECTIONS UNTIL END OF CONFERENCE. DESPITE PROTRACTED DISCUSSION THIS ITEM, NO DECISION REACHED BY END OF DAY'S DEBATE.

B. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE - VIRTUALLY ALL LDCS DEcried SMALL AMOUNTS OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR ITU TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. IVORY COAST SUGGESTED A TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUND IN THE REGULAR ITU BUDGET AND ARGENTINA ADVOCATED ESTABLISHMENT OF ANOTHER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ELECTIVE POSITION, SIMILAR TO DIRECTORS OF INTERNATIONAL CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES (CCIS) TO CONCENTRATE ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. SEVERAL OTHER DELS SUGGESTED THEY MIGHT SUPPORT CREATION OF POSITION OF SECOND DEPUTY SYG IF HE BE PUT IN CHARGE OF ITU TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE ACTIVITIES.

4. U.S. ENTERED LOW KEY STATEMENT NOTING LONG TERM

EFFECTIVENESS OF UNION UNDER EXISTING STRUCTURE AND  
SUGGESTING CAUTION IN ADOPTING MAJOR CHANGES. CONCLUDED  
WITH OPTIMISTIC REFERENCE TO PROBABLE SUCCESS OF  
CONFERENCE WITH SUPPORT FOR AGENDA TO DATE AS FORMULATED  
BY SECRETARIAT.

5. DEBATE SCHEDULED CONTINUE SEPTEMBER 18 WITH  
APPROXIMATELY TWENTY MORE COUNTRIES LISTED TO  
MAKE STATEMENTS. BEAM UNQUOTE RUSH

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